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Note by the Secretariat

1. The Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation")[1] and the decisions of the eleventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (see E/2003/29) called for strengthened involvement and enhanced participation of major groups in the activities of the Commission as well as in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

2. The analytical basis for understanding and assessing the contribution of the major groups worldwide in advancing the implementation of the above-mentioned agreements is provided by their review inputs, known as discussion papers, and contained in the addenda to the present note.

3. The discussion papers reflect the overall views of the major groups on the status of implementation of commitments made related to transport, chemicals, waste management (hazardous and solid waste), mining and the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, including references to cross-sectoral themes, successes and challenges of implementation, and practical contributions, and identify new challenges to be met by major groups to expedite implementation. These discussion papers will serve as a starting point

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[1] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

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for participation by the major groups in the activities of the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

4. The organization of the written input of the major groups to the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development has been inspired by practices used in past sessions of the Commission through a multi-stakeholder "facilitating group" composed of organizing partners from network organizations representing the nine major groups. The organizing partners for the current cycle are as follows: Women in Europe for a Common Future, Baha'i International Community and Voices of African Mothers for women, the Youth Caucus of the Commission on Sustainable Development for youth and children; the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education) and the Indigenous Environmental Network for indigenous peoples; the Sustainable Development Issues Network (through the Northern Alliance for Sustainability, Consumers International and the Institute for Security Studies) for non-governmental organizations; ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability for local authorities; the International Trade Union Confederation (through the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) for workers and trade unions; the International Chamber of Commerce and the International Council of Chemical Associations for business and industry; the International Council for Science and the World Federation of Engineering Organizations for scientific and technological communities; and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers for farmers.

5. In addition to coordinating the official written inputs of the major groups to the Commission, the organizing partners are tasked with coordinating the participation of their respective sectors throughout the eighteenth session, working collaboratively with the representatives of other major group sectors present at the eighteenth session and in the regional implementation meetings and with all other stakeholders. More information is available at www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_mg/mg_orgapart.shtml.

6. Views and proposed solutions of the major groups to meet challenges and overcome problems related to the topics being reviewed should inform the Commission at its eighteenth session and inspire governmental partners in the lead-up to the nineteenth session (policy session), thus allowing for meaningful and direct contributions by stakeholder groups to the decisions and work of the Commission.